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DECLARATIONS

Copies of three evidentiary Declarations under Rule 132, two of which were filed in parent application Serial No. 07/874,344 and one which was filed in parent application Serial No. 08/653,036, are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609, are earnestly solicited. Applicants do not concede that any or all of the information provided herein is

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material to patentability of any claim in the subject application. Applicants do not concede that all of these patents, articles and abstracts represent prior art to the subject application.

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